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Letters to the editor

Ambassador decries a 'heinous crime'

I fear that Jeremiah O'Leary's article, "Chileans Inject CIA Into Letelier Slaying Probe" (Oct. 18) may give the wrong impression that I have suggested that the CIA or its former deputy director, Gen. Vernon A. Walters, were involved in Orlando Letelier's assassination. I know that Mr. O'Leary had no intention to convey that impression, but I deem it advisable to set the record straight: I have never made such a suggestion.

Kindly accept, nonetheless, that I seize this opportunity to make known to your readers something which American officials already know: from the very day of Sr. Letelier's assassination, I have strongly and unequivocally condemned that heinous crime, and I still harbor the hope that the whole truth will be discovered and that those who may be found to have killed him and Mrs. Moffit will receive the punishment they deserve.

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